

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1-1. Description of Items

The items covered in this manual are packets of whole blood (Figure 1-1). The packets come in various sizes and are of varying weights.

1-2. Special Considerations

The special considerations given below must be followed when rigging packets of whole blood.

a. Whole blood must be placed in ice and packaged into cardboard containers by medical personnel in the presence of a 95B lab NCO or a medical officer.

b. The whole blood containers must be replenished with ice every 48 hours in the presence of a 95B lab NCO or a medical officer.

c. Because of the re-icing restrictions, all wooden boxes should be constructed and lashed to the platform before the whole blood containers are transported to the rigging site.

d. A copy of this manual must be available to the joint airdrop inspector during the before- and after-loading inspection.



Figure 1-1. Packets of whole blood